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DNR Reports . . .
by Glenn Therres

With Congress debating the reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act, examples of the act working are important. Recently, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service officially downlisted the status of the Bald Eagle from endangered to threatened. Though still protected by the Endangered Species Act, the eagle population throughout the country is well on its way to recovery.

Now the Peregrine Falcon is being considered for reclassification. On June 30, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service announced it is considering removing the American Peregrine Falcon from the endangered species list completely. The American Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus anatum*) is the subspecies that breeds in Maryland and throughout North America. The Arctic Peregrine Falcon (*F. p. tundrius*) was removed from the list earlier this year.

The reason the peregrine is being considered for delisting is that this subspecies' population has recovered from the effects of organochlorine pesticides and because of management activities by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, state wildlife agencies (including DNR) and others. The Peregrine Fund was the principle nongovernment conservation organization involved with the recovery of the Peregrine Falcon.

The Peregrine Fund was instrumental in the recovery efforts by establishing breeding facilities for captive Peregrine Falcons that produced young for reintroduction to the wild. In Maryland alone, 90 young peregrines were reintroduced, eventually becoming the nucleus of the wild breeding population. A summary of the recovery efforts in Maryland have been published and are available free of charge from my office. Since the mid 1970s, over 4,000 young peregrines were reintroduced throughout it's North American range.

Today, over 1,400 breeding pairs are known to occur in the United States and Canada. Many of these pairs are the result of the reintroduction efforts. This year, there were 9 breeding pairs in Maryland, of which 7 successfully raised young. All of our breeders nest on man-made structures, such as the Bay Bridge, U.S.F.& G. Building, and special towers on the Eastern Shore. Unfortunately we still do not have any cliff nesting peregrines in our state.

Maryland is within the Eastern Population Recovery Region for peregrines. This is

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An Urgent Call For Volunteers
by Norm Saunders

Last year Jo Solem's Long-Range Planning Committee carried out a survey of MOS members, attempting to identify paths the membership felt the organization should take as we move closer to the 21st Century. It rapidly became clear that one thing the membership felt was of utmost importance was that **MD Birdlife (MB)** be published on a more timely basis and that it continue to reflect the professionalism so evident in other areas of the Maryland Ornithological Society.

To that end, the long-time editor of **MB**, Chandler Robbins, made a heroic and successful effort to bring the publication up to date in time for the 50th Anniversary Meeting in June of 1995. One thing has become clear from that effort—one person can no longer be asked to shoulder the burden of gathering, checking, proofing, laying out, and otherwise wrangling the production of four issues per year of a journal which must adhere to scholarly standards yet which is expected to provide timely and lively information to the members of MOS.

The problem has been discussed endlessly in MOS State Board meetings and among the MOS State Executive Committee. The result is that our President, Al Haury, has come up with a reorganization plan for the Publications Committee, one which Chan Robbins has agreed to and which he welcomes. The Committee will be led by the Editor-in-Chief, a role which Chan will continue to fill. Under him there will be two editors who will be responsible for putting together and publishing **MB**, a Technical Editor and a Managing Editor.

Clearly both of these posts require someone with a knowledge of and experience with IBM-compatible personal computers and desktop publishing software. We have reached the point that to reduce printing costs and adhere to tight publishing schedules, the work of putting together an issue of **MB** must be automated to the greatest extent possible. Further, it is clear that both of these

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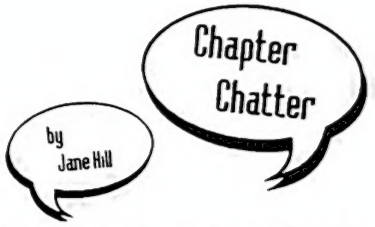

Guide to finding Howard County birds is published—The **Howard** County Chapter has published *Birding Howard County, Maryland*, by Joanne K. Solem, with illustrations by M. Suzanne Probst. The 134-page, 6" x 9", spiral-bound book features site guides for 29 locations, month-by-month birding tips, species accounts, and the county checklist. Appendices list county map and checklist sources, Latin names of herbaceous plants mentioned in the text, the American Birding Association's Code of Ethics, and membership information for MOS and the Howard County Chapter. To order a copy of the guide, send a check for $13 ($10 for the book, $.50 tax, and $2.50 postage and handling), made out to Howard County Chapter-MOS, to J. Solem, 10617 Graeloch Road, Laurel, MD 20723.

Montgomery County bird list published—The **Montgomery** Chapter's new checklist of county birds, compiled by Norm Saunders, John Bjerke, and Julie Kelly, in-

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Copy deadlines for the November/December 1995 issue are:

November-January Calendar Activities:
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An Urgent Plea For Help

posts require someone who can work effectively with other birders throughout the state to produce the timely, high-quality publication that you have said is important to the organization.

These two positions are currently vacant, but if MOS wants a more timely **MB**, then we need volunteers for these two demanding positions. Here are their duties, as they are currently envisioned:

Technical Editor

- Reviews bird articles for content and style, keeping in mind that submissions should adhere to high levels of ornithological accuracy and should strive for an entertaining and informative style that is useful for MOS members.

- Acts in the place of the Editor-in-Chief, in that person's absence, to make the final decision on all technical questions that arise.

- Actively seeks out new articles and new features that will enhance the value of **MB** to our membership. For example, the Technical Editor might seek out those who have reported sightings of rare birds in the state in order to get a first-person account of the sighting from them for publication. Or the Technical Editor may recruit someone to write an annual summary of Maryland nesting records.

- Recruits and trains an Assistant Technical Editor to act in the place of the Technical Editor in that person's absence and to succeed the Technical Editor when the incumbent moves on to other pursuits.

Managing Editor

- Receives submissions of articles, features, photographs, and other material for inclusion in **MB**; sends bird-related items to the Technical Editor for review and editing; edits non-bird items, such as annual committee reports; generally keeps track of where items are in the clearance-and-editing chain; and sets the schedule for completion of each issue of **MB**.

- Once a submission is approved for publication, schedules that item for a particular issue and prepares it in a format suitable for our printer's technical needs.

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Chapter Chatter

cludes seasonal abundance information for 252 species of regularly occurring birds, a list of 65 accidentals, geographic information about the county, guidelines for reporting rarities, and information about MOS. To get a free copy of the list, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Lou DeMouy, 8809 Altimont Lane, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

Baltimore Hotline—Call (410) 467-0653 to hear the **Baltimore** Bird Club's new information hotline, which gives details about current rare-bird sightings, upcoming events, recent field trip results, and membership. You can also report rare-bird sightings in the Baltimore region at this number.

Record number of birds seen in Howard County in 1994—Howard County birders saw a record-breaking 236 species of birds last year, markedly surpassing the previous record of 225 in 1991 and 1992. Three species new to the county were identified: Eared Grebe, Piping Plover, and Stilt Sandpiper. In addition, there were second county records for Eurasian Wigeon and Clay-colored Sparrow, and third county records for Black Scoter and Brewer's Blackbird. Other interesting finds were Red-necked Grebe, King Rail, Long-eared Owl, Common Redpoll, Black-capped Chickadee, and Orange-crowned Warbler. However, not seen in 1994, presumably due to the disappearance of meadows as farmland is developed, were the native birds Whip-poor-will and Barn Owl. Northern Bobwhite and Ring-necked Pheasant were reported by only a few observers, and grassland species such as Vesper Sparrow, Grasshopper Sparrow, and Eastern Meadowlark showed precipitous declines.

Howard Chapter co-sponsors "Bluebirds in the Parks" program—Together with the Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks, the **Howard** Chapter sponsors a bluebird program in local parks. In 1994, fifteen Howard Countians monitored the program's nest boxes, which produced 54 bluebirds. For Howard County as a whole that year, bluebird production broke the 1993 record, after the results were adjusted for a decrease in the number of nest boxes from 1993 to 1994.

A Society First?—Maureen and Dave Harvey, wife and husband, were elected presidents of the **Carroll** and **Howard** Chapters, respectively.

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DNR Reports . . .

one of five recovery regions designated for the American peregrine falcon. Recovery objectives were established for each region, which included minimum numbers of breeding pairs. Minimum numbers of pairs have been met in all but the Eastern Region. The eastern population is close with over 150 pairs known. The eastern objective is 175 pairs. Within the next year or two, this is expected to be reached.

DNR supports the intention of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to remove the peregrine from the endangered species list. This species is well established throughout its former range, with an ever increasing population. The public comment period on this issue ends August 29. After that, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service will review the comments received and either formally propose to remove the American Peregrine Falcon from the list or not. If they do formally propose to delist the species, another opportunity for public comment will be available.

Hopefully, this success story will help in the fight to keep the Endangered Species Act a viable environmental law. Stay tuned!

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- Recruits and trains an Assistant Managing Editor to act in the place of the Managing Editor in that person's absence and to succeed the Managing Editor when the incumbent moves on to other pursuits.

This is the plan; now we need the personalities to flesh it out, the ones who will bring it to life. Are you interested in finding out more? Are you qualified to be MOS's new Technical Editor or Managing Editor? Contact Al Haury today at (410) 757-3523 to find out what **YOU** can do for the MOS!

An Update on FUNDAECO

by Chan Robbins

FUNDAECO (the Foundation for Ecodevelopment and Conservation) is a Guatemalan conservation organization dedicated to the protection of rain forest at Cerro San Gil and vicinity on the Atlantic Coast of Guatemala. They have a varied program of land purchase, conservation education, and agroforestry, teaching the native Indians nondestructive ways to live in harmony with the forest.

In response to their appeal to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for technical help in assessing bird populations of the Cerro San Gil area, Barbara Dowell and I have been working with FUNDAECO personnel the past four winters studying the bird populations of Cerro San Gil and training FUNDAECO personnel and students from the major Guatemalan universities.

Because of the high density of birds from eastern North America wintering in that area plus the rich local avifauna, the Patuxent Chapter of MOS voted in 1993 to raise $1,000 to help purchase the first 5,535 acres of pristine rain forest for the Cerro San Gil Ecological Reserve. Patuxent challenged the other MOS chapters to raise at least an additional $2,000 by the end of that year and the Montgomery County Chapter added an additional $500 challenge.

Subsequent donations from individuals and from proceeds from MOS Conferences resulted in $13,262 earmarked for land acquisition on Cerro San Gil as of mid-1994. By the end of the year an additional $1,785 had been contributed by individual members and by the Montgomery County and Talbot County Chapters.

An unexpected benefit of the MOS donations was the matching, dollar-for-dollar, of the MOS monies by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation!

One of FUNDAECO's recent purchases, at a 500-meter elevation along the tower road, has been designated as a bird sanctuary. In March 1995 we had our first opportunity to study the birds in this sanctuary. In our standard 3-day survey we identified 96 species, which is more than in any other site we have studied in Guatemala. Most exciting were the large numbers of resident and migrating birds of prey, including Black-and white, Ornate, and Black Hawk-Eagles; Crested Eagle; White, Great Black, Short-tailed, and Zone-tailed Hawks; Plumbeous and Swallow-tailed Kites; King Vultures; and seven other species of hawks and vultures.

Two days after Barbara and I left Guatemala in March 1995, FUNDAECO culminated another big land purchase in the core area of the Cerro San Gil preserve, where they acquired 3,100 acres for the bargain price of $13 per acre. FUNDAECO had to take a bank loan to make the lump-sum payment of $40,000. Here is another opportunity for MOS members to come to their rescue and help preserve some of the most important rain forest in Central America. Contributions through the Maryland Ornithological Society, Inc., are tax-deductible.

NEW RAIN FOREST CHALLENGE: The Patuxent Chapter will contribute $1,000 to the FUNDAECO if the remainder of the MOS contributes $2,000 by November 30 1995. Please help us meet this newest challenge!

The Conservation Connection

Conservation at the Crossroads in America

by Richard J. Dolesh

Aren't you getting angry at what is happening to conservation and environmental protection laws in our Nation? If you haven't been on an extended birding trip to Antarctica for the past six months, you know that the entire fabric of national conservation law and environmental protection may be ripped asunder in the next session of Congress.

Even if you don't profess to be an ardent conservationist, you cannot help but be alarmed by what is happening. Federal conservation laws are under unprecedented attack, and there are profound changes on the way in the way our Nation protects its water, wetlands, and wildlife.

This is no time for bleating and hand-wringing, however. To believe that this outcome is not what American voters wanted in electing a conservative Congress by a landslide would be foolish to a fault. What is important at this juncture is to understand what is happening, and why, and to take effective action in convincing Congress that the vast majority of American people do **not** want to back up on the gains we have worked so hard for in protecting our environment and the quality of our lives.

The magnitude of the dismantling of Federal conservation and environmental protection programs is not yet fully apparent, and its effects won't be seen for several years. These effects, however, will be felt for many, many years hereafter, in far-reaching ways.

Some changes to Federal policy and law are needed and are clearly in order. Overzealous Federal regulators, the lack of common sense in some enforcement actions, the erosion of private property rights, and other legitimate concerns of landowners and taxpayers have precipitated the climate and fueled the fires for reform. The effects of legislative reform will be magnified since several major Acts are coincidentally up for renewal and reauthorization. The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) and the Clean Water Act are under review and will be substantially rewritten in the next year. "Reviled" is among the printable words commonly applied to the ESA by its detractors, just so you understand the tone the debate is taking on.

In brief, here is how the changes in policy and law are likely to occur:

- Broad-brush deregulation and "regulatory reform" will cause laws to be changed with an eye toward cost/benefit analysis, prohibition the against implementation of new regulations before analysis can demonstrate the economic impacts, and the requirement that compensation to landowners be affected by the costs of new regulations.

- A moratorium on new regulations, no matter what the need, will delay implementation of new or changed Federal policies. This will have the effect of limiting action on toxic waste control, air and water pollution prevention, and protection of endangered and threatened species.

- Private property rights consideration will be the backdrop for a comprehensive look at all Federal laws and regulations as they affect private property values. Several landmark cases are working their way through the judicial system, but it is unlikely that judicial decisions will determine the framework for this debate which will be increasingly decided in Congress. In fact, a recent Supreme Court decision strongly affirming the role of the ESA to consider and protect not just individuals and populations of endangered species, but also their habitats, will bring more pressure to bear on ensuring a legislative fix to the perceived inequities of the ESA.

- Budget cutting, "recission", and sunset provisions for automatic defunding of programs will have significant effects on the agencies charged with enforcement and monitoring of compliance laws. This process may have the most insidious effects because there may be no one left to enforce conservation laws in the agencies responsible for them.

Why should we as conservationist be concerned? More to the point, why should we as birders be especially concerned? Simply stated, these sea changes will have some of their greatest effects on birds and bird habitat. All migratory species protection is going to be affected, but migratory bird species will be some of the most threatened as these changes take place.

This process didn't start last November, by the way. The non-ratification of the Convention on Biological Diversity was the first victim, but shortly following will be the possible dissolution of the National Biological Survey, the possible folding of the Breeding Bird Survey, redefinition of Federally protected wetlands (affecting as much as 80 percent of the wetlands in America), major changes in endangered species protection, and possible losses of migratory bird habitat.

Birders, and those who care about the conservation of birds and bird habitat (regrettably, the distinction must be drawn), must wake up to what is going on. They must speak out effectively and purposefully on why these changes will be bad for our country.

The good news is that there are some glimmers of hope on the horizon. This Congress, and the new conservative movement, are piling up hugely negative polling numbers when it comes to how Americans view their tinkering with conservation law and environmental protection policy. Recent stinging defeats on proposals to significantly cut EPA funding, and restrict enforcement of toxic waste discharges into waterways show that these broad environmental policy changes are not met with as much enthusiasm as other regulatory and budgetary reforms. Nor are the margins of passage veto-proof—a solid minority of Republican legislators refuse to vote with the leadership on vitiating conservation laws.

So I implore all of you—read the newspaper, keep tabs on what the Congress is up to over the next few months, and contact your Senators and your Representative in the House to let them know how you feel about what they're up to. If your representatives vote the way you think they should, let them know. If they vote against something you feel strongly about, let them know. Best of all, let them know how **you** feel, before they have a chance to vote on an important issue. It is up to all of us to make sure our children and our grandchildren have birds to watch, air to breath, and water to drink in the coming decades!

The Birder's Never-Ending Search For Owls

Review by Erika Wilson

How to Spot an Owl, by Patricia and Clay Sutton, Chapters Publishing Ltd., Shelburne, VT, 1994.

Americans' propensity to write "how to" books is cause for amused comment by foreigners, but the publication of **How to Spot An Owl** will, I think, draw favorable notices from birders worldwide. Finding owls, which requires patience, slow exploring, and quiet approaches, proves to be a real puzzle to many beginning and intermediate birders who have grown up in urban environments that are filled with lots of noise, rapid movements, and short term activities.

Patricia and Clay Sutton set out in clear writing how to slow down, be quiet, look carefully, and behave with the bird's interests uppermost. In *Part One: An Introduction to Owling*, the Suttons cover *Owling Basics, Owling on Your Own, Following Up Clues, Equipment Know-How*, and *Backyard Owling*. In *Part Two: The Owls of North America*, they cover the nineteen species found in Canada and the United States. Throughout the book there are wonderful photographs, many taken by the authors, showing owls doing what comes naturally, from hunting and flying to preening and roosting. My favorite photograph is on page 61, where a Long-eared Owl peers out of a tangle of red berries and bare branches, surrounded by text entitled "Owling Etiquette".

This latter consideration looms large in my thinking as a rare bird alert producer. Most of North America's owls are not rare, but they seem so to the ever-growing legions of birders looking for them. "Why don't you put owls on the Voice of the Naturalist?" is a question I often hear. When I suggest that the resulting attention from the hundreds of birders who listen to the Voice, and the additional hundreds of birders who read the Voice via computer links, might not be appreciated by the owls, I get puzzled looks. These same people chat loudly along the trails on birding trips, dance up and down, yelping with excitement, when they see a new bird, and then wonder why birds retreat into deep cover as they approach.

Just as some people behave differently than others, some owls exhibit behavior that makes them less vulnerable to human disturbances. During the winter months the Voice of the Naturalist often carries reports of Snowy Owls and Short-eared Owls. The former hunt during the day, but are sufficiently wary to perch or roost out of the reach of overeager birders, while the latter can be observed from roadsides running along airports, marshes, and farm country as they hunt at dawn and dusk over these open areas. Both Barred Owl and Great Horned Owl branchers (young birds out of the nest, but not yet fully independent) can easily be found by listening for their begging calls; many are spotted by birders in late spring and early summer from trails along the C&O Canal, for example. Yet other species, such as Long-eared Owl and Barn Owl, always seem wary and nervous, flushing at the least hint of human encroachment. The small Eastern Screech-Owl and Northern Saw-whet Owl (why do they have the longest names?) are so inconspicuous as to avoid detection even in suburban and rural areas.

All of this is covered in **How to Spot An Owl**, and much else besides. Starting with their thoughtful *Preface*, the Suttons make clear their pleasure in finding and observing owls, as well as their concern that birders learn how to behave appropriately around owls. *Owling Basics* begins with a vivid description of Pat Sutton looking for, finding, and slowly backing away from a Northern Saw-whet Owl near Cape May, New Jersey. In the following pages the Suttons lay out basic owl biology, interspersed with more stories of actual hunts for owls. I think their technique of alternating stories with solid information that directly applies to finding owls is the great strength of this book. It allows the Suttons to constantly remind their readers both by example and direct statement that birders will have a more rewarding experience by moving quietly and slowly in tiny groups of one or two people.

Owling on Your Own starts with the practical advice that searching for the widespread and common Great Horned Owl will allow you to develop your owling techniques with a reasonable chance of actually finding an owl. Searching at dusk, listening for animal distress calls, and imitating these calls yourself are all ideas which the Suttons discuss in this chapter.

In the next section, *Following Up Clues*, the Suttons talk about road-kills, the relationship between daytime hawks and nighttime owl species pairs, and tracking down the source of passerine mobbing behavior. Actually, we have had good luck finding Barred, Spotted, Great Gray, and Burrowing Owls during the day on two recent Audubon Naturalist Society Forays by searching areas where these species are known to have daytime roost sites, another topic covered by the Suttons.

The next section, *Equipment Know-How*, starts with the real basics that most MOS members already know, such as maps, binoculars, telescopes, etc., but they also discuss the use of tapes and lights. In regard to taped calls, they emphasize **not** using tapes 1) during any owl's breeding season; 2) in national parks where it is illegal; nor 3) when looking for threatened or endangered species. Many birders no longer use tapes to attract birds at any time or place. The only responsible exception to these "don'ts" is when you are part of a legitimate, organized survey. On the topic of flashlights, the Suttons consider 12-volt searchlights detrimental to an owl's night vision, but the 6-volt hand lamps, I was relieved to discover, meets their criteria for use.

In the final section, *Backyard Owling*, the Suttons suggest that urban dwellers should work their local parks, and should also strive to make their own backyards attractive to owls. Rural folk, of course, have greater opportunities to create favorable conditions for their local owls.

The second half of **How to Spot An Owl** consists of species accounts which vary considerably in length, with Western Screech-Owl, Whiskered Screech-Owl, and Flammulated Owl each being only two paragraphs long. Although I remember seeing Western Screech-Owls as a little girl on our dairy farm and, more recently, hearing them call, I haven't seen any of these species as an adult birder. In contrast, the accounts for Great Horned Owl, Great Gray Owl, and Northern Saw-whet Owl are fifteen to sixteen paragraphs in length. I assume this variance is due in large part to the actual experiences of the Suttons, which have, naturally enough, been mostly in the Eastern United States, given their residence in Cape May, New Jersey.

So, should you spend $15 for this book? You bet. I found lots of interesting new ideas to try in my own quest for owls, and the stories of the Suttons' quests make great reading. When I finished this book I looked up and said, "Anyone game for a night of owling out West? We can take **How to Spot An Owl** along as our strategic guide." Too bad there weren't any real birders within earshot.

[Ed. note: Erika Wilson, a member of the Montgomery County Chapter of MOS, produces the Chesapeake Bay area's weekly rare bird alert, the Voice of the Naturalist, and birds actively in Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia. Erika is also an active member of the Virginia Society of Ornithology, is a regional representative for the American Birding Association, and leads Forays to some of the more exotic birding locales in the U.S. for the Audubon Naturalist Society of Chevy Chase, MD.]

Official Minutes, MOS State Board Meeting, March 18, 1995

by Sybil Williams

Vice President Bob Rineer, in the absence of President Al Haury, called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. Thanks to the Cecil County Chapter for hosting the meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.

President's Report—$500 was sent to Costa Rica. The June 3 meeting will be hosted by Jug Bay Chapter; there will be no meeting after the convention. Please give Jane Hill any information concerning your chapter for her column Chapter News. Please be careful of the birds on the endangered species list.

Vice President's Report—No report.

Treasurer's Report—Financial report enclosed *[ed. note: the financial report is not included here, for the sake of brevity—if you wish to see a copy, please contact Will Tress, Executive Secretary.]*. EFM must comply with CFC regulations. Audit is needed by independent CPA if budget > 100,000. It was > 100,000 last year because there were two conferences in one year. Treasurer and Budget chairpersons must keep close watch on financial amount. The treasurer should not be bonded but he should be audited.

Executive Secretary's Report—Anne Arundel County's White Water park needs a MOS exhibit. Russia has an organization which leads birding tours ending with tourist sights. The EC art group is looking for an outlet.

Budget report—See enclosed report *[ed. note: the budget report is not included here, for the sake of brevity—if you wish to see a copy, please contact Will Tress, Executive Secretary.]* A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the presented budget.

Bylaws report—No report.

Conference report—Five color patches in honor of the 50th anniversary will be sold; Conference Committee will determine price. The pin design is just for the pin for the conference. A conference chairman is needed for Ocean City.

Conservation report—Conjunctivitis has been found in House Finches. After the 1994 vote there has been an antienvironment mandate over enforcement of regulations. The Endangered Species Act and delineation of Wetlands regulations are in serious trouble. Please call your congressman or legislators. Program Open Space is the single most important legislation to protect birds and bird habitat in MD. Please support this program and also the following programs. Heritage Conservation Fund. Standing Bill which would grant legal standing to environmental groups or citizens effected by environmental impacts. Partners in Flight. Wildlife plans for the Nanticoke River as a watershed area. Beltwoods. Black Marsh North Woods State Park. MOS license tag applications are available. MOS has been offered a $1,000 challenge between Maryland and Rio to save the Anteater. Environmentalists in Rio want to learn about the range and life of the bird to save it from extinction. Money from the conference may be used for this.

Education report—Budget was decided on in Nov. 1994. One grant request has been received from Jug Bay, grant requests are due March 25. There is still money left for chapters before May for education. Tri-State Bird Rescue has donated >100 birds, MOS will get all the rejects. They will be housed at Towson and MOS can make a request for any birds and the Education committee will pay shipping.

Gifts—No report.

Investments—No report.

Library—No report.

Long Range Planning—No report.

Research—No grant requests.

Sanctuary—There will be a work day at Carey Run April 29-30. The Manuga Fund is still working out the agreement with the joining funds.

Scholarship fund—Eight winners have been picked but their names are not available yet. Like to have all 8 winners at the convention banquet, MOS will try to pay for their meal.

Atlas—The Atlas will be out late fall or early winter 1995.

Cavity nesting—No report.

Mailing Lists—The Bar Code reader could save MOS at most $215 per year, but with attendant extra costs offsetting the savings. It was recommended that the idea of adding address bar codes to the MOS mailing labels be dropped.

May Count—No report.

Nominations—A Treasurer is still needed. The office has changed for the better over the last year.

Publications—The old Yellowbook will be reprinted and will be available in July or August. The AOU has not finished its classification.

Old Business—Jay Jones has been appointed alternate director of the EFM. It is still undecided how to handle the membership phone directory.

New Business—Chan Robbins 50 years with the Fish and Wildlife Service will be honored. Rich Dolesh has offered to help. Decals area available. John Malcolm would like to have certificates for people who do useful work.

The next meeting will be June 3 which is also the day of the breeding bird survey.

--Respectfully Submitted by Sybil Williams,
MOS Secretary

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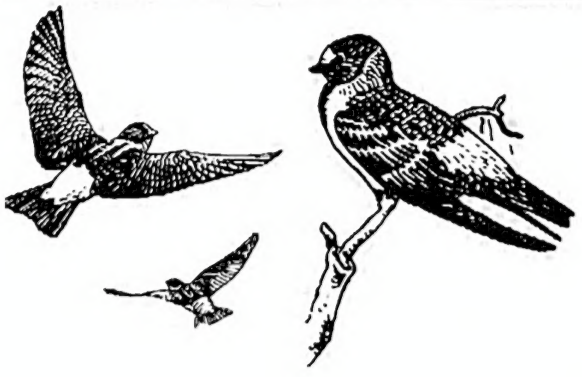
1995 Conference Report

Mary's pleased almost everyone, and the many speakers and special programs produced a stimulating mix of reflection on the past and inspiration for the future. As usual, the meeting of old friends and the joy of birding together made for a memorable occasion. If you didn't make it this year, try for 1996!



The 50th Anniversary Conference at Emmitsburg

by Bob Johnsson, Conference Coordinator

The 1995 annual conference celebrating the 50th Anniversary of MOS was held at Mount Saint Mary's College near Emmitsburg, June 23-25. Three hundred and ten people registered for the conference and enjoyed an array of programs and activities that made this conference a memorable event. In addition to the commemorative pin that has become a regular token of each conference, registrants to the Emmitsburg Conference each received a special 50th Anniversary patch.

The featured speaker for the conference was Dr. Jerome Jackson of Mississippi State University, the noted ornithologist and bird columnist, who delivered two outstanding talks. On Friday evening he presented "Quest for a Holy Grail: the Ivory-billed Woodpecker in the U.S. and Cuba." His talk focused on the probable status of this very troubled and possibly extinct species. Much of what he related came from his own experiences and adventures as he sought out the last haunts of this wonderful bird. His adventures leading up to possibly the last-ever sighting of this magnificent woodpecker in the wilds of Cuba in 1988 had the audience holding their collective breaths.

Supplementing this talk, Dr. Jackson filled us in on his recent experiences as a consultant to NASA on the problems caused by mixing the Space Shuttle and the Northern Flicker. If you weren't there you missed some great slides and some humorous insights on exactly what happened this past summer at Cape Canaveral.

On Saturday evening, Dr. Jackson addressed another of his research interests with a talk entitled "Bird of Fire Under Fire: the Red-cockaded Woodpecker." Attendees were again treated to a personalized and colorful account of the problems facing this species and of the efforts currently underway to help these hard-pressed woodpeckers make a comeback from the verge of extinction. Dr. Jackson is a dynamic and effective speaker and his two programs were well-received indeed!

On Saturday afternoon, field trips returned to the campus in time for all conference registrants to attend the special 50th Anniversary Program: "The MOS in Perspective—50 Years of Ornithology in Maryland." The program got underway with Professor Don Messersmith discussing the origins and early history of the MOS, especially focusing on the role played by the distinguished Dr. Orville Crowder during the formative period of the organization. Don assembled many fascinating photos and documents to supplement his presentation.

Don was followed by an audio tape of Jean Worthley reading a reminiscence of Lola Stock on the early days of MOS, accompanied by a slide show of the personalities and activities from the founding years. Chan Robbins then gave a fine retrospective on the many influences the MOS has had on birding—not only in Maryland, but elsewhere in the U.S. and around the world. His presentation filled us all with pride in the many contributions the MOS has made to world ornithology.

The Anniversary Program continued with Glenn Therres, of the MD Department of Natural Resources, reflecting on the future of birds and birding in Maryland. He emphasized the growing pressures of urbanization and development on the future well-being of Maryland birds and directed the conference's attention to the work that lies ahead. The program was capped by a few words of admiration and encouragement from our keynote speaker of the weekend, Dr. Jackson.

Later that evening the MOS honored two of its most distinguished members, Chandler and Eleanor Robbins. A special award plaque was presented to them in commemoration of their many years of dedicated service to the Society and to the cause of birds and birding in Maryland. This most appropriate anniversary celebration gesture drew a long-lasting standing ovation from the Robbins' many friends and admirers.

Throughout the conference, attendees were able to peruse a large array of exhibits and displays, many of which emphasized the important historical character of the meeting. The Wild Bird Center of Colesville operated a fine birding shop, offering registrants the opportunity to browse or purchase from a wide selection of books, optics, and other birding gear.

The paper session, which has now become an annual tradition for at least a few folks each year, comprised reports on six different areas of avian research throughout the state:

"Cowbird spatial ecology on anthropogenic forest landscapes," by J. Edward Gates and Daniel R. Evans.

"The Micro*Atlas*: a volunteer project of Maryland Partners in Flight," by James M. McCann.

"A study of Henslow's Sparrow in Garrett County," by Connie Skipper.

"Importance of landscape connectivity and patch size for migrating and breeding songbirds," by Lisa J. Petit and Daniel R. Petit.

"The effects of lunar phase and illumination of Northern Saw-whet Owls during Autumn migration," by John B. Churchill, David F. Brinker, Joan E. McKearnan, and Kevin M. Dodge.

"A boreal relict: implications of first order habitat selection to the conservation of Northern Saw-whet Owls in the southern Appalachians," by David F. Brinker, Kevin M. Dodge, and Matthew P. Rowe.

Rain was a frequent companion during much of the conference, but it did not dampen interest in the wide selection of field trips offered. Bob Ringler did an excellent job of arranging and coordinating the trips, which covered much of Frederick and adjacent Carroll Counties, made forays into Washington and Montgomery Counties, and included at least one trip to a foreign country—the grasslands of southern Pennsylvania. At the tally session after Sunday lunch, we found that 119 species had been recorded—an excellent result for the area at this time of year.

Sybil Williams, Anne Mitchell, and Betty Wolfe did a fine job of organizing and operating the Silent Auction and raffle. Together, these events netted approximately $2,400, all of which will go for the preservation of birds and bird habitat in the American Tropics.

All in all, the conference was a great success. The accommodations at Mount Saint

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JOURNALS AVAILABLE

American Birds, most issues from 1971-present
Audubon, issues from 1978 & 1979
Auk, issues from 1974 & 1975
Bird Watcher's Digest, most issues from 1979-present
Birder's World, 10 issues between 1987 & 1995
Birding, most issues 1979-present
Hawk Migration Association of North America, most issues 1984-present
Kingbird (Federation of NY Bird Clubs), 1950-51 (incl. Vol. 1 No 1), 1957-59
Maryland Birdlife, most issues 1969-present
Wild Bird Magazine, 1987-1992

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Activities at MOS Sanctuaries

by Dotty Mumford

April is a busy month for the Sanctuary Committee, for that is the time to get both of our sanctuary houses in good order for the summer. In order to do this we have two work weekends—one at Irish Grove and the other at Carey Run. This is the time for doing those annual tasks of trail maintenance, pruning, and house cleaning. It is also the time to take care of all those special projects that need seeing to.

The special project for the work weekend at Irish Grove on April 1 and 2 was to finish the marsh trail to the grave site on Susan Moore Hummock. You will need knee-high waterproof boots to use this trail (or be willing to suffer from wet feet), but the walk is well worth the effort to see this remote site in the middle of the marshes at Irish Grove. The kitchen was improved by having the flatware and cooking utensils cleaned and stored in plastic boxes to keep them mouse proof. Paul and Linda Bystrak returned the Great Blue heron display, which they had taken home to fumigate and enclose within a tight-fitting hard plastic cover. It really looks great! Mike Knott built and installed a chimney cover for the living room fireplace. We hope this will help keep the rainwater from coming down the chimney in the future. The Anne Arundel Chapter planted a crab apple tree where the old Chinese elm used to be as a memorial for birding friends who have passed away. A plaque marking the tree will be installed at a future date. A big thanks to the thirteen volunteers who helped make this work weekend such a success: Jerry Cotton, Kit & James Hasselhaff, Dotty Mumford, Sue Ricciardi, and Sally Rowe (Anne Arundel); Brent, Mary, and Bridget Byers and Mike Knott (Baltimore); John Williamson (Montgomery); and Paul & Karl Bystrak (Cecil).

The work weekend at Carey Run took place on April 29 and 30. The special project here was to replace the front porch steps. Mike Knott had drawn up plans for the steps and Dan Folk purchased the lumber. The project seemed to get more complex the longer we worked on it because the front porch had to be stabilized and we discovered that the bottoms of the support posts had rotted out. We jacked up the porch, cut out and replaced the rotten supports, and inserted stone foundations beneath each of the supports. Then we were able to actually get started on the steps themselves, which we had in place by the time we broke for midday dinner, provided by the Allegany Chapter. After coming back from looking at wildflowers, a cold wet rain began to fall which made it altogether too unpleasant to continue working outside.

On Sunday morning we worked on the hand rails for the new steps and the porch, but at noon the rain started up again and most of our volunteers headed home. Two volunteers stayed on into Monday morning and helped Mike Knott finish off the railings. Other work accomplished over the weekend included trail maintenance, brush clearing from around the old spring house, and some road maintenance.. Another big thanks goes out to the twenty-two good folks who gave of their time and energy to make this weekend such a great success in spite of the cold, rainy weather: Ken Braitman, Ken Baxter, Gwen Brewer, Dan & Charlotte Folk, Mr. & Mrs. John Pifer, Bill & Agnes Sampson, and Bob & Mary Twigg (Allegany); Doug Forsell, Sue Hamilton, and Dotty Mumford (Anne Arundel); Brent, Mary, and Bridget Byers and Mike Knott (Baltimore); Tish Bell (Howard); and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Keating and Christine Shipe (Washington).

Looking ahead, our next work weekend will be on October 28 and 29 at Irish Grove. This is our "big" work weekend of the year. We have lots of chores to take care of and need lots of volunteers to do them, so come on down and help us.

Raptor Identification Class

Bill Clark, co-author of *Photographic Guide to North American Raptors and Hawks*, will teach an intensive, advanced, raptor field identification course in the Annapolis area on the weekend of January 20-21. Six hours of Saturday classroom instruction will cover field identification, plumage variations, molt, and the concept of "Jizz". It will be followed by a Sunday field trip to Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge where you will put your skills to the test. The course fee is $75 and the limit is twenty persons. Call Raptours at (703) 642-2386 to reserve your spot as soon as possible.

Education Committee Report

by Linda Bystrak

This year's winning Envirothon team came from Middletown High school in Frederick County. They represented one of the nineteen county school systems that participated in the Maryland State Envirothon competition this year, and will represent MD at the International Competition in Idaho. Over 195 members of the winning high school teams were invited to attend the State competition at the 4H camp in Accident, Maryland. Ornithology is just one of the many natural history categories in which the students competed. Our MOS Education Committee awarded a $400 grant to help pay for the winning team to travel to Idaho this summer. MOS members are also encouraged to contact their local Soil Conservation Service (SCS) office to volunteer as ornithology instructors for the wildlife portion of the test in their own county. Training for next year's competition will begin in September, so now is a good time to call SCS and let them know you are willing to coach!

A copy of the 35 minute video "Bird" was sent to each school district in the state of Maryland, to be circulated among the secondary schools' biology classes. The video is an MOS gift to commemorate our 50th Anniversary. An extra copy of it will be available to MOS members through our Speakers Bureau.

Gary Griffith is now in charge of our Speakers Bureau. He is looking for new programs to add to our list. He needs those new speakers ASAP, so the list can be sent to each chapter before September. His address is 55 Sara Dr., Elkton, MD 21921. His telephone number is (410) 392-4491.

The next deadline for each MOS Chapter to apply for their $200 Ornithology Education Grant is April 1, 1996. Each chapter president or Education Committee representative should already have a copy of the grant application. Last fiscal year the committee awarded $2,800 in grants in only 5 months time!

Our last Education Committee meeting was held during the 50th Annual Conference. Members of our MOS Education Committee met with some of the Partners in Flight Education Committee members, in a joint meeting, on June 23. The next Education Committee meeting will probably be held at the new Patuxent Visitors Center sometime in October. Postcards with the details will be mailed to each chapter.

MD/DCRC BIRD SIGHTING DOCUMENTATION GUIDE

SPECIES:

DATE SIGHTED:
DATE OF THIS WRITEUP:

OBSERVER'S NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER:

1. LOCATION OF SIGHTING: STATE COUNTY PLACE
   HABITAT DESCRIPTION:

2. CONDITIONS OF SIGHTING: TIME, WEATHER, SKY & OPTICS:

3. NUMBER, SEX & AGE OF BIRD(S):

4. PLUMAGE DESCRIPTION:

5. BEHAVIOR DESCRIPTION:

6. OBSERVER'S GENERAL BIRDING & SPECIES EXPERIENCE; OTHER OBSERVERS PRESENT:

7. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

SEE REVERSE FOR DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST; SKETCHES, PHOTOS & VIDEOS ARE ENCOURAGED !

SEND YOUR REPORT TO: Phil Davis, MD/DCRC Secretary
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MD/DCRC CHECKLIST OF POINTS TO INCLUDE IN WRITE-UP

Not all these points will be noted, nor are they all necessary to correctly identify a species, but to not include something you did see can lessen the value of your documentation. This checklist highlights items of details that you will want to include in your report. Field notes are encouraged, preferably before consulting a field guide. Sightings should be written-up as soon as possible after the observation. Please include a write-up of how you identified the species in question and how you eliminated similar ones. Field sketches as well as photographs or videos are encouraged!

1. LOCATION:
   - State: MD or DC & County
   - Place: name/town, park, etc.
   - Habitat: field, woods, water, plants, etc.

2. CONDITIONS
   - Time of day
   - Length of sighting
   - Temperature
   - Sky/cloud cover
   - Wind/speed & direction
   - Precipitation/snow cover
   - Water/depth, waves/ice cover
   - Distance to bird
   - Sun location in relation to you & bird
   - Optics used/binoculars, scope/power

3. NUMBER, SEX & AGE
   - Number of birds
   - Sex by plumage or behavior
   - Age by plumage or behavior

4. PLUMAGE DESCRIPTION:
   - Head: colors & pattern
   - Bill: length, shape, color
   - Eye: color, ring, stripe, brow
   - Upperparts: nape, back, rump
   - Tail: colors, shape, length
   - Legs: color & length
   - Underparts: throat, breast, belly, flanks, vent
   - Wings: colors, wingbars, length, wing linings
   - What parts of the bird couldn't be seen

5. BEHAVIOR:
   - Posture, size, shape
   - Feeding method
   - Vocalizations
   - Flight pattern
   - Preening or sleeping behavior
   - Other birds present/interactions with other birds

6. EXPERIENCE & OTHER OBSERVERS:
   - Experience with this species & location/number of years birding
   - Other observers present - (independent submissions are encouraged !)

7. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:
   - Field sketches made (please include)
   - Photos/videos taken (please include)
   - Field guide(s) used
   - Reference articles, etc
   - Any other information of relevance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Field Checklist Prices

The "Field Checklist of Maryland and DC Birds" has just been reprinted and is again available for sale. Prices for MOS members: 10 checklists for $2.00 or 100 checklists for $15.00. Prices for non-members and commercial buyers: 10 checklists for $3.00 or 100 checklists for $25.00. The bi-fold, white cardboard checklists may be ordered from Will Tress, MOS Executive Secretary, 203 Gittings Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21212. Please make checks payable to "MD Ornithological Society".

Found Conference Pin

If you left your MOS Conference Pin at the Harford County exhibit table and would like to get it back, please call Jean Fry at (410) 452-8539.

50th Anniversary Meeting Video Available

During the MOS 50th Anniversary Meeting in Emmitsburg on June 24, a non-professional 2-hour video tape was made of all the exhibits and of the talks by Don Messersmith, Chan Robbins, and Glenn Therres, as well as of the slide and tape presentations of that afternoon. If you would like a copy of the tape, send an unused video tape, along with $1.00 for return postage, to Don Messersmith, 10418 Brookmoor Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20901.

Missing Yellowthroat Wanted

I am trying to assemble a complete set of MOS publications which will be donated to the University of Maryland Library "Maryland Room". I am missing only one issue of the **MD Yellowthroat**, Vol. V, No. 1, the January/February 1985 issue. If anyone has an original copy of this that they would be willing to part with, I would appreciate receiving it. Send it unfolded to Don Messersmith, 10418 Brookmoor Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20901.

Hawkwatch 1995

Beginning on September 2, the Snickers Gap Hawkwatch site will be in operation for the 1995 season. We have a great site with easy access by car; no hike to the site, it's in the parking lot. We welcome all with an interest in hawks or anyone who just wants to find out what goes on at a migration site. There are official counters each day, and usually numbers of people on the weekends. There is always a need for regular observers to help with the count, especially during the week. Training can be provided. Contact us if you are interested in this project—join the fun! This is the closest site to the Metropolitan area, so plan to visit during hawk migration season. Stop by here or at one of the other sites listed below:

Snickers Gap — Located at the intersection of Rt. 601 and Rt. 7 West, 45 miles from I-495 (Capital Beltway). The site is a large commuter parking lot at the southwest corner of the intersection, on the peak of the gap. Kerrie Kirkpatrick, (703) 560-4950.

Washington Monument State Park — Alt. Rt. 40, 2 miles east of Boonsboro, MD. At the top of South Mountain, take road 1/2-mile north into park. Walk marked 1/4-mile trail to tower. NOTE: Maintenance operations on the tower are scheduled to keep it closed until the end of September. Call Lee Murray, (301) 739-3463 for current information.

Turkey Point Hawk Watch — Near North East, MD, in Cecil County. I-95 Exit 100. Go south on Rt. 272 to end of road. Approximately 1-mile walk to site. New site last year—2,500 hawks in 100 hours! Gary Griffith, (410) 392-4491.

Rockfish Gap — Holiday Inn deck at intersection of I-64 and US Rt. 250 at the Blue Ridge Parkway near Waynesboro, VA. John Irvine, (703) 432-2335.

Waggoner's Gap — On Rt. 74, 7 miles north of Carlisle, PA. Park along highway. Climb dirt road, bear left to rocky outcrop. Noted for Golden Eagles! Kim & Glen Van Fleet, (717) 249-1096.

Kiptopeke State Park — Kiptopeke State Park, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles, VA. (804) 331-2267. Bill Williams, (804) 565-3491, or Dot Silsby, (804) 596-3252. They may have full-time counters this year!

One of Nature's Puzzles

by Steve Hitchner

While pulling grass and weeds around a young dogwood, I uncovered an egg, the size of a hen's egg, but with a dull gray-greenish color. In the past, my wife had planted a fake rabbit among the shrubbery, thinking that would surprise me. My first thought when I uncovered the egg was that she was at it again. The egg was heavy, leading me to think this was also a fake.

I cleaned the dirt off, stuck it in my pocket, and proceeded with my gardening. About an hour later I took the egg out of my pocket; in the process, it broke in my hand. To my surprise it contained a half-developed embryo, not alive, but with bright red skin and blood-red vessels surrounding the yolk sac.

In searching for an answer as to what bird could possibly lay an egg that size, I discovered that the size and color fit perfectly with those published for Black Vulture. But how did the egg get buried at the base of the dogwood, nor more than eight feet from the street—a spot where Black Vultures are highly unlikely to venture? Black Vultures are common in this area (Kent County) and about 100 yards away, along the Chesapeake Bay shore, there is brushy habitat conducive to vulture nesting.

The only conclusion I can arrive at as to the mystery of how the egg got there is that some predator must have raided the nest, carried the egg to my yard, and buried it there for future consumption. The next logical question is what animal could have carried the egg there without puncturing the shell? Two possible candidates are raccoon and opossum. I don't believe a squirrel could handle it. Any suggestions?

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MD/DC Records Committee Annual Report

by Phil Davis

The MD/DC Records Committee was established in 1982 to review reports of unusual species sightings and to maintain a "List of Birds" for Maryland and DC. In pursuit of this goal, the committee aims to convert unchecked reports of sightings into published and authenticated records that can be used reliably for scientific studies of bird distribution and patterns of avian vagrancy.

At the March 1995 annual meeting of the MD/DC Records Committee, a revised set of species review criteria was adopted. This document, published in this issue of the Yellowthroat, redefines which species will be reviewed by the Records Committee. These review criteria include: species not previously documented, or documented only rarely, in Maryland or DC; a few well-marked subspecies of unusual interest; and locally out-of-range occurrences that are ornithologically noteworthy.

With these revised review criteria, a number of species will no longer require review by the committee since these species' patterns of occurrence have been adequately established within Maryland and DC, so the review of additional reports is not necessary. A listing of previously submitted reports that no longer require review is published in this issue of the Yellowthroat. The committee will, however, keep these reports in its files in case future conditions should change (for example, taxonomic species "splits".)

Also published are lists of: a) recent committee decisions; b) reports currently in review by the committee; and c) reports waiting to begin the review process. Once the review process begins, a number of mailed circulations to the nine committee members may be required, therefore, some reports can take years from the time of submission until a final decision is rendered.

Note that the committee will no longer review species that are "out of season". MOS members are encouraged, however, to report such sightings to the Maryland Birdlife "Changing Seasons" editors and to submit unusual time-of-year observations articles to Maryland Birdlife, thus documenting the sighting for posterity.

Nesting records are also not reviewed by the committee, so reports and documentation of unusual instances of nesting activity should also be submitted to Maryland Birdlife for publication.

A special note is necessary regarding Thayer's Gulls: This species raised a number of taxonomic and identification issues that the committee is currently not able to address. (The species is not separable in the field from Iceland Gulls.) The American Ornithological Union (AOU) is currently addressing the issues associated with this species and the MD/DC Records Committee is holding review of these reports until the AOU position is determined.

The committee members for this year are: Bruce Peterjohn (non-voting Chair), Bob Dixon, Mary Gustafson, Mark Hoffman, David Holmes, Ottavio Janni, Gail MacKiernan, Willem Maane, Robert Norton, and Michael O'Brien.

A copy of the MD/DC Records Committee "documentation guidelines" is also included in this issue of the Yellowthroat. This form provides guidance and recommendations on points to be included when submitting reports to the committee. Your support in submitting documentation of observations consistent with the review criteria is encouraged.

MD/DC Records Committee—Review Criteria
July 1, 1995

The MD/DC Records Committee will review reports of birds observed in Maryland or the District of Columbia meeting any of the following criteria:

1. Any species observed in Maryland which is not in the Field List of the Birds of Maryland (Robbins and Bystrack, second edition, 1977).

2. Any species observed in the District of Columbia which is not on the official District of Columbia List (DeSante and Pyle, 1986).

3. Any of the following species if observed in Maryland or the District of Columbia:

Western Grebe
Yellow-nosed Albatross
White-faced Storm-Petrel
Band-rumped Storm-Petrel
American White Pelican
Anhinga
Fregatta, species
Roseate Spoonbill
Wood Stork
Fulvous Whistling Duck
Cinnamon Teal
Masked Duck
American Swallow-tailed Kite
Mississippi Kite
Swainson's Hawk
Yellow Rail
Corn Crake
Purple Gallinule
Limpkin
Eskimo Curlew
Long-billed Curlew
Little Stint
Curlew Sandpiper
Long-tailed Jaeger
South Polar Skua
California Gull
Yellow-legged Gull
Ross' Gull
Sabine's Gull
Roseate Tern
Sooty Tern
Common Murre
Thick-billed Murre
White-winged Dove
Common Ground-Dove
Groove-billed Ani
Burrowing Owl
Rufous Hummingbird

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Selasphorus, species
Red-cockaded Woodpecker
Western Wood-Pewee
Hammond's Flycatcher
Vermillion Flycatcher
Ash-throated Flycatcher
Gray Kingbird
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
Fork-tailed Flycatcher
Boreal Chickadee
Bewick's Wren
Northern Wheatear
Mountain Bluebird
Varied Thrush
Sage Thrasher
Bohemian Waxwing
Northern Shrike
Western Tanager
Black-headed Grosbeak
Lazuli Bunting
Painted Bunting
Bachman's Sparrow
Lark Bunting
Baird's Sparrow
LeConte's Sparrow
Harris' Sparrow
Smith's Longspur
Pine Grosbeak
Hoary Redpoll

4. The following subspecies of forms of species and other subspecies or forms not known to occur regularly in Maryland or the District of Columbia:

Eurasian Green-winged Teal
Audubon's Warbler
Dark-eyed Junco other than Slate-colored
Bullock's Oriole

5. The following species which are found regularly in certain parts of Maryland or the District of Columbia, or have occurred only in certain parts of Maryland or the District of Columbia but would be extraordinary elsewhere:

a. These species if seen in places other than coastal Worcester County or over the ocean:

Northern Fulmar
Cory's Shearwater
Greater Shearwater
Sooty Shearwater
Manx Shearwater
Audubon's Shearwater
Leach's Storm-Petrel
Wilson's Plover
Great Skua
Black-legged Kittiwake
Bridled Tern
Dovekie
Razorbill
Atlantic Puffin

b. These species if seen in the Chesapeake Bay north of Anne Arundel or Queen Anne's County; or on the Potomac River north of Charles County; or inland:

Wilson's Storm-Petrel
Northern Gannet
Brown Pelican
Common Eider
King Eider
Harlequin Duck
Clapper Rail
Piping Plover
American Oystercatcher
Pomarine Jaeger
Parasitic Jaeger
Gull-billed Tern
Sandwich Tern
Boat-tailed Grackle

c. These species if seen west of the Coastal Plain or along the Susquehanna River upstream from the Conowingo Dam:

Great Cormorant
Black Rail
Black-necked Stilt
Purple Sandpiper
Ruff
Franklin's Gull
Little Gull
Common Black-headed Gull
Royal Tern
Least Tern
Black Skimmer
Seaside Sparrow

d. These species if seen west of the Piedmont:

Eared Grebe
Tricolored Heron
Sandhill Crane
Whimbrel
Hudsonian Godwit
Marbled Godwit
Red Phalarope
Laughing Gull
Iceland/Thayer's Gull
Lesser Black-backed Gull
Glaucous Gull
Great Black-backed Gull
Western Kingbird
Clay-colored Sparrow
Lark Sparrow
Sharp-tailed Sparrow
Yellow-headed Blackbird
Brewer's Blackbird

e. These species with restricted ranges in Maryland:

Ross' Goose	Away from the Eastern Shore.
Northern Raven	South or east of Frederick County.
Brown-headed Nuthatch	On the Eastern Shore north of Queen Anne's County; and the Western Shore except in Saint Mary's County.
Swainson's Warbler	Outside the Pocomoke River area.

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by Phil Davis

The reports below have changed in status since the last committee report was published in the MD Yellowthroat (MD/DCRC record numbers are shown in parenthesis):

MD RECORDS ACCEPTED

Eared Grebe (92-20), South River, Anne Arundel Co., March 27, 1990.
White-faced Storm-Petrel (94-04), Atlantic Ocean, Baltimore Canyon, Worcester Co., August 22, 1993. [First Maryland record.]
Least Bittern (92-32), Lilypons, Frederick Co., February 9, 1992. [Unusual date.]
Ross' Goose (92-34), Blackwater NWR, Dorchester Co., December 31, 1984.
Ross' Goose (94-11). Blackwater NWR, Dorchester Co., January 17, 1993.
Ross' Goose (94-17), Blackwater NWR, Dorchester Co., November 27, 1981.
Ross' Goose (94-41), Starr, Queen Anne's Co., November 28, 1993.
Ross' Goose (94-42), Snow Hill, Worcester Co., October 15, 1994.
Mississippi Kite (94-39), Fort Smallwood Park, Anne Arundel Co., June 7, 1994.
Yellow Rail (94-33), Pinto Marsh, Allegany Co., October 17, 1993.
Sandhill Crane (94-12), Trappe, Talbot Co., February 28, 1991-March 20, 1991.
Sandhill Crane (94-13), Wye Mills, Queen Anne's Co., January 4, 1994-January 9, 1994.
Curlew Sandpiper (94-34), Hart-Miller Is, Baltimore Co., May 17, 1992. [Second Maryland record.]
Ruff (94-08), Jug Bay Wetlands, Anne Arundel Co., April 9, 1991.
Ruff (94-09), Hart-Miller Is, Baltimore Co., September 4, 1991.
Red-necked Phalarope (94-14), Seneca, Montgomery Co., September 26, 1991-September 29, 1991.
Red-necked Phalarope (94-15), Emmitsburg, Frederick Co., August 31, 1993-September 4, 1993.
Red-necked Phalarope (94-16), Elliot Island, Dorchester Co., May 9, 1992.
Red Phalarope (94-22), Sycamore Landing, Montgomery Co., September 26, 1991.
Franklin's Gull (88-07), Sandy Point State Park, Anne Arundel Co., May 11, 1976-May 17, 1976.
Franklin's Gull (93-01), Sandy Point State Park, Anne Arundel Co., May 21, 1976.
Black-legged Kittiwake (94-30), North Beach, Calvert Co., November 1, 1985.
Black-legged Kittiwake (94-31), Conowingo Dam, Harford Co., December 14, 1992.
Roseate Tern (94-18), Ocean City Inlet, Worcester Co., June 18, 1991.
Roseate Tern (94-19), Ocean City - Fourth Street Flats,Worcester Co., June 7, 1992-June 8, 1992.
Roseate Tern (94-20), Ocean City - Fourth Street Flats, Worcester Co., June 18, 1994-July 9, 1994.
Rock Wren (94-29), Assateague National Seashore, Worcester Co., October 11, 1993-October 14, 1993. [First Maryland record.]
Varied Thrush (94-25), Savage, Howard Co., December 11, 1977-December 15, 1977.
Bohemian Waxwing (94-28), Berlin, Worcester Co., February 13, 1994-February 15, 1994. [First Maryland record.]

MD RECORDS NOT ACCEPTED

Eared Grebe (92-21), Bay Ridge, Anne Arundel Co., March 22, 1992.
Eared Grebe (92-22), South River, Anne Arundel Co., March 25, 1992.
Fulvous Whistling-Duck (92-33), Hughes Hollow, Montgomery Co., August 29, 1991.
Falcated Teal (94-21), Laytonsville, Montgomery Co., March 2, 1991-March 16, 1995.
Swainson's Hawk (93-02), Ft. Smallwood Park, Anne Arundel Co., April 28, 1990.
Swainson's Hawk (93-04), Laytonsville, Montgomery Co., March 14, 1992.
Prairie Falcon (94-27), Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary, Anne Arundel Co., February 14, 1994.
Long-tailed Jaeger (92-26), Atlantic Ocean, Worcester Co., October 6, 1990.
Franklin's Gull (94-01), Sandy Point State Park, Anne Arundel Co., May 20, 1976-May 22, 1976.
Franklin's Gull (94-02), Sandy Point State Park, Anne Arundel Co., May 18, 1976-May 30, 1976.
Arctic Tern (93-06), Fourth Street Flats, Worcester Co., April 28, 1991.
Northern Shrike (92-19), Marriottsville, Howard Co., January 26, 1991.

MD RECORDS UNDER REVIEW

American White Pelican (95-04), Blackwater NWR, Dorchester Co., February 28, 1970.
Ross' Goose (92-35), Blackwater NWR, Dorchester Co., October 28, 1991.
Ross' Goose (94-40), Snow Hill, Worcester Co., October 20, 1992-November 27, 1992.
Black-shouldered Kite (95-16), College Park, Prince George's Co., September 4, 1992. [No accepted MD records.]
Mississippi Kite (94-35), Grayton, Charles Co., June 30, 1992.
Mississippi Kite (94-36), Susquehanna Rd & Broad Creek, Harford Co., May 8, 1993.
Mississippi Kite (94-37), Ellicott City, Howard Co., May 22, 1993.
Mississippi Kite (94-38), Ft Smallwood Park, Anne Arundel Co., May 28, 1993.
Gyrfalcon (95-17), New Design Road, Frederick Co., February 9, 1994. [First Maryland report.]
Yellow Rail (94-32), Potomac, Montgomery Co., May 14, 1992.
Yellow Rail (95-18), Jug Bay, Anne Arundel Co., October 4, 1980.
Sandhill Crane (95-12), Madonna, Harford Co., April 11, 1982-April 12, 1982.

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MD RECORDS UNDER REVIEW (CONT.)

Gull-billed Tern (94-07), Sandy Point, Anne Arundel Co., July 10, 1985.
Arctic Tern (93-05), Fourth Street Flats, Worcester Co., July 2, 1991.
Arctic Tern (94-26), Atlantic Ocean, Worcester Co., August 1, 1992.
White-winged Tern (95-19), Assateague, Worcester Co., August 6, 1994. [No accepted records.]
White-winged Tern (95-20), Point Lookout State Park, Saint Marys Co., August 14, 1994. [No accepted records.]
Common Murre (95-13), Ocean City Inlet, Worcester Co., December 29, 1976-December 30, 1976.
Thick-billed Murre (95-06), Franklintown Road, Baltimore Co., March 6, 1962-March 7, 1962.
Black Guillemot (94-03), Chesapeake Bay, Anne Arundel Co., March 11, 1993. [First MD report.]
Common Nighthawk (94-24), Salisbury, Wicomico Co., March 7, 1992. [Early date.]
Vermilion Flycatcher (92-29), Hollywood, St. Marys Co., July 12, 1992.
Gray Kingbird (95-21), Gridletree, Worcester Co., June 14, 1975.
Gray Kingbird (95-22), Arnold, Anne Arundel Co., May 3, 1983.
Common Raven (94-05), Brighton Dam, Howard Co., December 24, 1978. [Unusual location.]
Varied Thrush (95-02), Ashton, Montgomery Co., December 31, 1965-January 20, 1966.
Sage Thrasher (95-15), Assateague, Worcester Co., October 24, 1971.
Northern Shrike (94-23), Assateague Is, Worcester Co., November 25, 1991-November 30, 1991.
Western Tanager (95-07), Ocean City, Worcester Co., October 21, 1962.
Black-headed Grosbeak (95-05), Pikesville, Baltimore Co., January 7, 1961-March 15, 1961.
Lazuli Bunting (95-23), Timonium, Baltimore Co., February 1, 1963-April 19, 1963.
Painted Bunting (95-08), Ocean City, Worcester Co., August 31, 1963.
Painted Bunting (95-09), Pendennis Mount, Anne Arundel Co., December 26, 1981-January 21, 1982.
Le Conte's Sparrow (95-11), Ocean Pines, Worcester Co., December 27, 1974-February 8, 1975.
Dark-eyed Junco, "Oregon" (94-06), Baltimore, Baltimore Co., March 28, 1980. [Unusual form for MD.]
Dark-eyed Junco, "Oregon" (95-24), Cockeysville, Baltimore Co., January 17, 1971-March 26, 1971. [Unusual form for MD.]
Bronzed Cowbird (94-10), Ft Meade, Anne Arundel Co., February 24, 1994. [First Maryland report.]
Northern (Bullock's) Oriole (95-25), Blackwater NWR, Dorchester Co., September 25, 1994. [Rare form for MD.]

DC RECORDS PENDING REVIEW

Barnacle Goose (XX289), National Arboretum, DC, September 17, 1994.
Parasitic Jaeger (XX157), Constitution Gardens, DC, May 28, 1994.
Parasitic Jaeger (XX171), Anacostia River, DC, June 21, 1994.
California Gull (XX091), Georgetown Reservoir, DC, January 15, 1993-January 16, 1993.
Yellow-legged Gull (XX188), Georgetown Reservoir, DC, December 25, 1994-December 26, 1995.

MD RECORDS PENDING REVIEW

Western Grebe (XX163), Assateague Island, Worcester Co., April 25, 1994.
Wilson's Storm-Petrel (XX246), Wye River, Talbot Co., August 28, 1971.
Leach's Storm-Petrel (XX241), Mt. Hermon, Wicomico Co., September 12, 1960.
American White Pelican (XX085), Assateague Is, Worcester Co., September 12, 1992.
American White Pelican (XX217), Havre de Grace, Harford Co., August 11, 1987.
American White Pelican (XX250), Jug Bay, Prince George's Co., May 26, 1994-May 28, 1994.
Anhinga (XX158), Great Falls, Montgomery Co., April 30, 1994.
Anhinga (XX252), Lake Merle, Frederick Co., April 9, 1995-April 16, 1995.
Fulvous Whistling-Duck (XX226), West Ocean City, Worcester Co., July 19, 1961-August 20, 1961.
Fulvous Whistling-Duck (XX235), Point Lookout, Saint Mary's Co., November 11, 1985.
Fulvous Whistling-Duck (XX247), Jug Bay, Prince George's Co., September 20, 1981.
Trumpeter Swan (XX177), Lilypons, Frederick Co., July 15, 1994-July 17, 1994.
Trumpeter Swan (XX218), Little Seneca Reservoir, Montgomery Co., January 25, 1992.
Cinnamon Teal (XX223), Ocean City, Worcester Co., June 14, 1962-June 22, 1962.
Barrow's Goldeneye (XX273), Lexington Park, St Mary's Co., December 29, 1994.
American Swallow-tailed Kite (XX097), Laurel, Prince George's Co., April 24, 1993.
American Swallow-tailed Kite (XX098), Laurel, Prince George's Co., April 23, 1993.
American Swallow-tailed Kite (XX102), Seneca Creek State Park, Montgomery Co., May 14, 1993.
American Swallow-tailed Kite (XX144), Catonsville, Baltimore Co., June 10, 1992.
American Swallow-tailed Kite (XX215), LaVale, Allegany Co., August 17, 1974-September 19, 1974.
American Swallow-tailed Kite (XX216), Blackwater NWR, Dorchester Co., May 31, 1972-June 11, 1972.
American Swallow-tailed Kite (XX243), Shad Landing State Park, Worcester Co., May 5, 1984.
American Swallow-tailed Kite (XX272), Cambridge, Dorchester Co., May 20, 1976.
American Swallow-tailed Kite (XX279), Fort Smallwood Park, Anne Arundel Co., April 22, 1995.
Mississippi Kite (XX278), Fort Smallwood Park, Anne Arundel Co., May 20, 1995.
Clapper Rail (XX219), Cumberland, Allegany Co., August 30, 1962.
Purple Gallinule (XX258), Upper Marlboro, Prince George's Co., July 1, 1976-August 22, 1976.

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Piping Plover (XX169), Columbia - Wilde Lake, Howard Co., April 29, 1994.
Black-necked Stilt (XX054), Columbia, Howard Co., September 3, 1991.
Parasitic Jaeger (XX175), North Point, Baltimore Co., October 8, 1977.
South Polar Skua (XX256), Atlantic Ocean, Worcester Co., June 18, 1978.
Mew Gull (XX033), Ocean City Inlet, Worcester Co., October 26, 1990.
Mew (Common) Gull (XX148), Conowingo Dam, Harford Co., January 2, 1994-January 4, 1994.
Mew (Common) Gull (XX149), Conowingo Dam, Harford Co., February 6, 1994.
Mew (Common) Gull (XX282), Conowingo Dam, Harford Co., January 22, 1994.
California Gull (XX093), Laytonsville Landfill, Montgomery Co., January 23, 1993.
California Gull (XX249), West Ocean City, Worcester Co., November 28, 1994.
California Gull (XX285), Conowingo Dam, Harford Co., January 28, 1995-January 28, 1995.
Yellow-legged Gull (XX286), Alpha Ridge Landfill, Howard Co., February 11, 1995-February 11, 1995.
Thayer's Gull (XX128), Back River Sewage Treatment Plant, Baltimore Co., February 21, 1978.
Thayer's Gull (XX129), Alpha Ridge Landfill, Howard Co., December 20, 1982.
Thayer's Gull (XX130), Atlantic Ocean, Worcester Co., January 30, 1983.
Thayer's Gull (XX131), Conowingo Dam, Harford Co., January 4, 1984.
Thayer's Gull (XX132), Back River Sewage Treatment Plant, Baltimore Co., February 4, 1984.
Thayer's Gull (XX133), Diamond Flats, Baltimore Co., March 10, 1984.
Thayer's Gull (XX134), Alpha Ridge Landfill, Howard Co., February 24, 1990.
Thayer's Gull (XX135), Laytonsville Landfill, Montgomery Co., January 21, 1991.
Gull-Billed Tern (XX238), Blackwater NWR, Dorchester Co., August 18, 1968.
Roseate Tern (XX242), Blackwater NWR, Dorchester Co., April 30, 1966.
Arctic Tern (XX277), Atlantic Ocean, Worcester Co., May 16, 1976.
Bridled Tern (XX240), Mt. Hermon, Wicomico Co., September 12, 1960.
Sooty Tern (XX239), Mt. Hermon, Wicomico Co., September 12, 1960.
Common Murre (XX180), Atlantic Ocean, Worcester Co., March 12, 1992.
Common Murre (XX236), Atlantic Ocean, Worcester Co., January 16, 1977.
Thick-billed Murre (XX237), Assateague Island, Worcester Co., January 9, 1977.
Common Ground Dove (XX244), Point Lookout, Saint Mary's Co., May 18, 1974.
Common Ground Dove (XX245), George's Island, Worcester Co., August 21, 1974.
Rufous Hummingbird (XX185), Elkton, Cecil Co., November 2, 1993-December 29, 1993.
Rufous Hummingbird (XX191), St. Michaels, Talbot Co., November 13, 1994.
Rufous Hummingbird (XX198), Solomons, Calvert Co., December 9, 1981.
Rufous Hummingbird (XX281), Salisbury, Wicomico Co., December 26, 1994.
Hummingbird, Selasphorus species (XX111), Takoma Park, Prince George's Co., October 24, 1993-November 17, 1993.
Hummingbird, Selasphorus species (XX112), Jessup, Howard Co., November 14, 1993.
Hummingbird, Selasphorus species (XX192), Takoma Park, Prince George's Co., November 5, 1994-November 6, 1994.
Hummingbird, Selasphorus species (XX194), Great Mills, Saint Marys Co., August 17, 1994-August 20, 1994.
Hummingbird, Selasphorus species (XX276), Pocomoke City, Worcester Co., December 21, 1991.
Red-cockaded Woodpecker (XX233), Patuxent WRC, Prince George's Co., May 11, 1974.
Ash-throated Flycatcher (XX189), Blackwater NWR, Dorchester Co., December 9, 1994.
Ash-throated Flycatcher (XX248), Patuxent River Naval Air Station, Saint Mary's Co., December 11, 1994-January 3, 1995.
Common Raven (XX156), Smith Point, Charles Co., April 23, 1994.
Brown-headed Nuthatch (XX151), Back River Waste Treatment Plant, Baltimore Co., January 23, 1994.
Bewick's Wren (XX099), Violette's Lock, Montgomery Co., May 1, 1993.
Bewick's Wren (XX107), U of M Central Farm, Howard Co., September 6, 1993.
Varied Thrush (XX257), Aberdeen, Harford Co., March 5, 1978-March 13, 1978.
Northern Shrike (XX287), Sunshine, Montgomery Co., December 17, 1994.
Swainson's Warbler (XX186), St. Mary's State Park, Saint Mary's Co., May 24, 1994.
MacGillivray's Warbler (XX001), Kent Is, Queen Anne's Co., October 6, 1964.
Western Tanager (XX083), Chevy Chase, Montgomery Co., August 30, 1992.
Western Tanager (XX227), Annapolis, Anne Arundel Co., December 2, 1959-December 6, 1959.
Painted Bunting (XX124), Elkton, Cecil Co., December 13, 1993.
Painted Bunting (XX161), Berlin, Worcester Co., March 13, 1994.
Painted Bunting (XX234), Kensington, Montgomery Co., April 18, 1972.
Painted Bunting (XX275), Berlin, Worcester Co., January 28, 1995.
Rufous-sided (Spotted) Towhee (XX288), Derwood, Montgomery Co., December 17, 1994.
Lark Bunting (XX197), Eastern Neck NWR, Kent Co., September 23, 1994.
Lark Bunting (XX220), Denton, Caroline Co., August 18, 1966.
Lark Bunting (XX221), Taylor's Island, Dorchester Co., July 10, 1958.
Lark Bunting (XX222), Glen Burnie, Anne Arundel Co., May 21, 1967.

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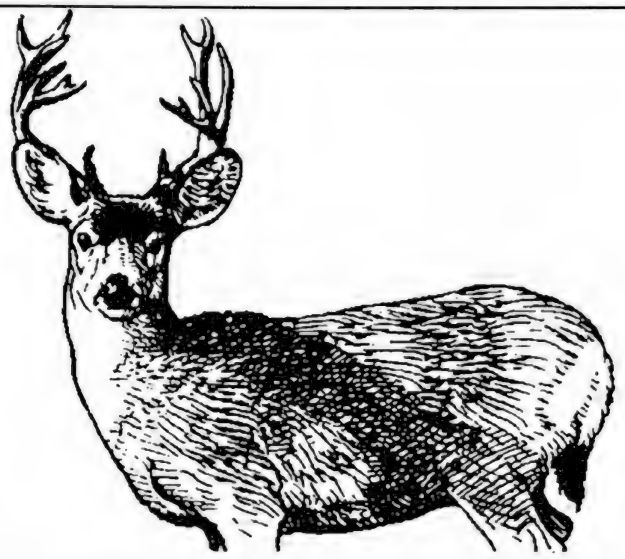
Lark Bunting (XX274), Assateague Island National Seashore, Worcester Co., September 5, 1994.
Baird's Sparrow (XX199), North Ocean City, Worcester Co., October 14, 1966.
Le Conte's Sparrow (XX138), Gray's Creek, Worcester Co., December 29, 1993-February 20, 1994.
Le Conte's Sparrow (XX166), Rumbly Point Rd, Somerset Co., November 11, 1992.
Le Conte's Sparrow (XX251), Scotland, Saint Mary's Co., March 31, 1995.
Harris' Sparrow (XX228), Patuxent WRC, Prince George's Co., December 22, 1959.
Harris' Sparrow (XX270), Bethesda, Montgomery Co., April 7, 1971.
Pine Grosbeak (XX167), Columbia - Centennial Park, Howard Co., April 12, 1994.
Hoary Redpoll (XX125), Columbia, Howard Co., January 15, 1994.
Hoary Redpoll (XX140), Germantown, Montgomery Co., February 8, 1994.
Hoary Redpoll (XX141), Hart-Miller Island, Baltimore Co., January 4, 1994-January 9, 1994.
Hoary Redpoll (XX159), Cordova, Talbot Co., January 24, 1994-February 5, 1994.



Mini-Lecture: Environmental Regulations
by Joseph M. Lewandowski

The words "environment" and "environmental" bring to mind many different thoughts and pictures and also stir the emotions of all of us. How those emotions are stirred depends, of course, on our point of view. While I don't consider myself to be a political animal, I feel moved to comment on the Republican Regulatory Relief Task Force's list of "The Top Ten Worst-Case Regulations," regulations which they have slated for removal. The list, among other things, includes the following items:

a. Endangered Species Act
b. Clean Air Act
c. Clean Water Act
d. Superfund
e. Clean Water Act
f. Safe Drinking Water Act

While all of these regulations may not deal with our ornithological avocation, they all have an impact on the environment in some fashion. The Task Force Co-Chairs, Senator Christopher Bond, R-Mo., and Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Tx., have been quoted as saying that these regulations made it to their top ten list because of paperwork requirements, inconsistencies with other regulations, and the fact that they are burdensome. While the Task Force says that it will need to get precise information before it proceeds, the question I must ask myself is what information did the Task Force have when it made up this top-ten hit list to begin with?

I will refrain from passing judgment in this article and leave it up to the reader as to how they view the issue. I have no idea how our environment would look today without these regulations. I also don't know whether better regulations could have been drafted and passed, based on our system of government. I do know that the Rachel Carsons of the world have opened our eyes to the fact that we are not alone on this planet, but share it with thousands of other species. If we do not live in harmony with nature, what will be the future of our Planet Earth?

MOS Calendar

September-November, 1995

Saturday, September 16

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Watching Hawks and Warblers. Migrating hawks at top of steep hill to Monument Knob, or next to parked cars at Town Hill. Trip destination determined by wind direction. Whether trip goes or not depends on weather conditions. Call to verify if trip is going. Bring Lunch. For further information, contact the leader, Steve Sanford, at 410-922-5103, or Pete Webb, at 410-486-1217.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Little Bennett Park. Beginner's walk - everyone welcome. Resident and migrant landbirds. 1/2 day. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at King's Park, MD Rt. 121, 1 mile east of I-270 (Clarksburg exit). For further information, contact the leader, Bill Kulp at 301-593-4617.

Sunday, September 17

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Breakfast with the Birds at Cylburn Mansion. Breakfast at 7:30 a.m., bird walk at 8:00 a.m. to cover Cylburn's trails and lawns for migrant warblers, songbirds and possible hawk flight over the city. Reservations for breakfast: Joy Wheeler, 410-825-1204. Bird walk self-guided by the people who attend.

FIELD TRIP. Talbot. Sunday morning walk led by George Didden. . Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Higgins & Spencer Furniture Co. on Talbot St. in St. Michaels. For further information, contact Liz Lawlor at 410-745-6390 or Fred Snyder at 410-745-5563.

Tuesday, September 19

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Lake Roland. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the footbridge in Robert E. Lee Park. For further information, contact the leader, Phyllis Gerber, at 410-466-7377.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Rock Creek Park. Migrant warblers, vireos, sparrows. 1/2 day. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at picnic area 18 (one half mile below Nature Center on Ridge Road). We will bird this area between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m. and then move on. For further information, contact the leader, Bill Dobbins at 202-338-1321.

Thursday, September 21

MEETING. Caroline. "Fall Migrants" by David Holmes. Meet at 7:30 p.m. at Choptank Electric Cooperative, Inc. Meeting Room, 24B20, Meeting House Road (Business Rt. 404), Denton, MD.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Bombay Hook NWR To Little Creek, DE. Migratory waterfowl and shorebirds, raptors possible. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Bombay Hook Refuge headquarters. Bring lunch and scope. All day. For further information, contact the leader, Willem Maane at 301-229-1628.

Friday-Sunday, September 22-24

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Cape May Weekend. Hot spot for fall migrants, especially raptors, at the peak of the season. For further information, reservations, lodging information and directions, contact the leader, Bob Augustine at 301-933-5970.

Friday, September 22

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Weekday walk at Gwynn acres. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Old Colombia and Ram's Horn row. Walk a paved path through the woods to look for fall migrants. For further information, contact the leader, Bonnie Ott, at 410-461-3361.

Saturday-Sunday, September 23-24

FIELD TRIP. Carroll. Trip to Hawk Mountain! Join us one or both days for the Fail hawk migration. For more information or to reserve accommodations, contact Laura Tarbell by Sep 13 at 410-857-1109.

Saturday, September 23

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Oregon Ridge. Bluebirds, migrant songbirds, possible hawk flight. Meet 8:00 a.m. at Oregon Ridge Nature Center. For further information, contact the leader, Gail Frantz, at 410-833-7135.

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Buzzard's Roost Farm. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the lower lot of Mt. Hebron High School. Different habitats should bring a variety of species in this Howard county hot spot. For further information, contact the leader, Dave Kirkwood, at 410-461-2510.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Canoe Trip On The Potomac River. Riverine species and migrants. 1/4 day. We will use the canoes of the Sycamore Island Club. A waiver of liability will be required for each participant. Limited to 18 people. For further information and reservations, contact the leader, David Winer at 301-229-8963.

Sunday, September 24

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Cylburn Self-guided Walk. Meet 8:30 a.m. at the front porch of Cylburn Mansion.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Susquehanna State Park. A reliable location in eastern Harford County for a wide assortment of fall migrants. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Rock Run Mill (Stafford and Rock Run Roads). Leaders are Les Eastman, 410-734-6969, and Norm Friedman.

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Schooley Mill Park. Confusing Fall Warblers. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the upper lot. Join leader David Holmes to sort out those little brown jobs. Be prepared for possible mud. For further information, contact Bonnie Ott at 410-461-3361.

FIELD TRIP. Talbot. Sunday morning walk led by Marge Baldwin. . Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Higgins & Spencer Furniture Co. on Talbot St. in St. Michaels. For further information, contact Liz Lawlor at 410-745-6390 or Fred Snyder at 410-745-5563.

Monday, September 25

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Riverbend Park, VA. Primarily migrant landbirds. Meet at the Nature Center at 7:00 a.m. 1/2 day. Reservations required. For further information and reservations, contact the leader, Erika Wilson at 703-536-3823.

MEETING. Wicomico. "The International Crane Foundation" by Celeste Bunting. Meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Asbury United Methodist Church, Salisbury

Tuesday, September 26

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Lake Roland. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the footbridge in Robert E. Lee Park. For further information, contact the leader, Mac Plant, at 410-532-2445.

MEETING. Patuxent. "Wildlife and Scenery of the National Wildlife Refuge System: A National Treasure" by Luther Goldman. Meet 7:45 p.m. at Bio Science Building, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

Saturday-Sunday, September 30-October 1

FIELD TRIP. Talbot. Cape Charles led by Harry Armistead. Group leaving Saturday, to stay overnight. . Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Higgins & Spencer Furniture Co. on Talbot St. in St. Michaels. For further information, contact Liz Lawlor at 410-745-6390 or Fred Snyder at 410-745-5563.

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Saturday, September 30

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Lake Elkhorn. The leader is Jim Wilkinson. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at Broken Land Parkway lot. Walk around lake to find wide variety of species on water, in woods and marshy end. For further information, contact Bonnie Ott at 410-461-3361.

Sunday, October 1

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Cylburn Self-guided Walk. Meet 8:30 a.m. at the front porch of Cylburn Mansion.

FIELD TRIP. Carroll. Fall Warblers at Cascade Lake! Kathy Harden will lead this walk around Cascade Lake (moderate terrain). Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the parking lot off Snidersburg Road. For more information, contact Kathy at 410-781-4767.

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Rockburn Branch Park. The leaders are Barbara and Phil Davis. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the park office off landing road. Many species possible in woodland and field habitats. Paths may be muddy. For further information, contact Bonnie Ott at 410-461-3361.

FIELD TRIP. Talbot. Sunday morning walk led by Jan Reese. . Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Higgins & Spencer Furniture Co. on Talbot St. in St. Michaels. For further information, contact Liz Lawlor at 410-745-6390 or Fred Snyder at 410-745-5563.

Tuesday, October 3

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Lake Roland. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the footbridge in Robert E. Lee Park. For further information, contact the leader, Josie Gray, at 410-922-1837.

MEETING. Baltimore. "Save our Songbirds—Adopt an Acre" by George Jett. 7:30 p.m. at Cylburn Mansion.

Thursday, October 5

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Soldiers Delight. With the Natural History Society. For fringed gentians in bloom and other serpentine barrens plants and birds. Meet 1:00 p.m. at Frank's Nursery and Crafts, Reisterstown Rd., 3.5 miles north of I-695 Beltway (I-695) exit 20. Canceled if raining. For further information, contact the leader, Jean Worthley, at 410-374-5370.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Pennyfield Lock. Later migrating warblers and resident species. 1/2 day. Meet at Pennyfield at 8:00 a.m. For further information, contact the leader, Donald Messersmith at 301-593-5942.

Saturday, October 7

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Mushroom Trip. Bring a hand lens, as well as binoculars to inspect colorful fungi at Loch Raven watershed's pine plantations. Meet 8:00 a.m. at the Timonium Park & Ride lot. For further information, contact the leader, Paul Noell, BBC's best mycologist, at 410-243-2652.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Assateague State Park. All-day trip for southbound songbirds, shorebirds, waterfowl, and raptors. Bring lunch and repellent. Meet at 5:00 a.m. at the Park & Ride at I-95 and MD 155 (Havre de Grace exit). Trip leader is Les Eastman, 410-734-6969.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Meadowside Nature Center. Challenging fall warblers, local migrant landbirds. Early waterfowl possible. 1/2 day. Meet at the Nature Center parking lot at 7:30 a.m. For further information, contact the leader, Rick Sussman at 301-774-1185.

Sunday, October 8

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Cylburn Self-guided Walk. Meet 8:30 a.m. at the front porch of Cylburn Mansion.

FIELD TRIP. Talbot. Sunday morning walk led by Herndon Steilkie. . Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Higgins & Spencer Furniture Co. on Talbot St. in St. Michaels. For further information, contact Liz Lawlor at 410-745-6390 or Fred Snyder at 410-745-5563.

Tuesday, October 10

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Lake Roland. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the footbridge in Robert E. Lee Park. For further information, contact the leader, Matilda Weiss, at 410-337-2732.

Wednesday, October 11

MEETING. Carroll. Program TBA. 7:30 p.m. at Carroll Community College. For details, contact Dave Hudgins at 410-374-5764.

Thursday, October 12

MEETING. Howard. "Sora Rail Studies at Jug Bay" by Greg Kearns. 8:00 p.m. at Longfellow Elementary School, Columbia. For further information, contact Dave Harvey at 410-795-3117.

MEETING. Talbot. "Costa Rica Expedition" by Dr. Stan Bysshe of S.A.V.E. (Students Against a Diminishing Earth). Meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Loyola Federal Bank in Easton.

Saturday, October 14

FIELD TRIP. Carroll. Trip to Jug Bay Natural Area! Join us for a pontoon boat ride and see the Rails of Jug Bay. Meet at 6:00 a.m. at the Park & Ride at Rt. 32 and Rt. 170. Bring a Lunch. RSVP Maureen Harvey at 410-795-3117.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Harford Glen. Morning walk led by Mary Procell and Tom Congersky, 410-676-6489; includes bird-banding demonstration by Bill Pfingsten. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the mansion house, south end of Wheel Road.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Layhill Park. Sparrows, woodland and field-edge birds- Wear waterproof boots and long pants. Bring insect repellent. 1/2 day. Meet at 6:30 a.m. at the first available parking space on left after pulling into park. Limited to 8 people. For further information, directions and reservations, contact the leader, Howard Youth at 301-770-7504.

Sunday, October 15

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Cylburn Self-guided Walk. Meet 8:30 a.m. at the front porch of Cylburn Mansion.

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Mount Pleasant. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Woodstock post office. Sparrows will be plentiful with 8 or more species possible. For further information, contact the leaders, Richard and Randy Crook, at 410-747-0399.

FIELD TRIP. Talbot. Sunday morning walk led by George Didden. . Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Higgins & Spencer Furniture Co. on Talbot St. in St. Michaels. For further information, contact Liz Lawlor at 410-745-6390 or Fred Snyder at 410-745-5563.

Tuesday, October 17

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Lake Roland. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the footbridge in Robert E. Lee Park. For further information, contact the leader, Bob Wood, at 410-256-6310.

MOS Calendar (Cont.)

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Weekday walk at Lake Elkhorn.. Leader will be present. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Broken Land Parkway lot for walk around the lake. For further information, contact Bonnie Ott at 410-461-3361.

Thursday, October 19

MEETING. Caroline. "Birding in Delaware / Backyard Birding" by Bill Fintel. Meet at 7:30 p.m. at Choptank Electric Cooperative, Inc. Meeting Room, 24B20, Meeting House Road (Business Rt. 404), Denton, MD.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Seneca. Late fall migrants and early winter arrivals. 1/2 day. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Seneca parking lot. For further information, contact the leader, Donald Messersmith at 301-593-5942.

Saturday, October 21

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Waggoner's Gap Hawkwatch. A leading location on the East Coast for Golden Eagles; Merlin, Northern Goshawk, and Common Raven are also possible. Meet at 6:30 a.m. at the Marywood Park n' Ride, US 1 bypass and MD 24. All day. Trip leader is Charlie Gant; coordinator is Harold Boling, 410-638-5315. Rain date is Sunday, October 22.

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Annual Hawk watch at Rockburn Park. The leader is Ralph Geuder. Meet at 9:30 a.m. on the hill next to tot lot. Bring a chair and lunch if you like. Sit and watch the hawks fly.

Sunday, October 22

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Northampton Furnace Trail. For early waterfowl, late fall migrants, Winter Wrens. Level walking through mixed woods and brushy habitat to edge of Loch Raven reservoir. Meet 8:00 a.m. at Dulaney Valley Road and Chapelwood Lane, 2 miles north of I-695 Beltway exit 27. For further information, contact the leader, Joy Wheeler, at 410-825-1204.

FIELD TRIP. Howard. University of Maryland Central Farm. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Board of Education Building on Rt. 108. Wear sturdy footwear to walk the fields of the farm in search of sparrows. Savannah and 7 other species are possible. For further information, contact the leader, Mike McClure, at 410-531-2780.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Myrtle Grove WMA. 1/2 day. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Children's Farm or 7:30 a.m. at Myrtle Grove. For further information and reservations, contact the leader, Frank Witebsky at 301-871-7990.

FIELD TRIP. Talbot. Sunday morning walk led by Herndon Steilkie. . Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Higgins & Spencer Furniture Co. on Talbot St. in St. Michaels. For further information, contact Liz Lawlor at 410-745-6390 or Fred Snyder at 410-745-5563.

Monday, October 23

MEETING. Wicomico. "Scales and Tales Program - The Good, the Ugly, and the Bad." This special program will feature live birds and animals in the care of the Maryland State Park Foundation. The animals are used to demonstrate how we often judge an animal's value on the way it looks. Meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Asbury United Methodist Church, Salisbury.

Tuesday, October 24

MEETING. Patuxent. "Common Sense Initiatives" by Jim Pierce, staff member of Environmental Action. Meet 7:45 p.m. at Bio Science Building, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

Saturday-Sunday, October 28-29

IRISH GROVE SANCTUARY WORKDAY. Join MOS members from throughout the state to help maintain this 1500 acre sanctuary located in Somerset County. A weekend stay is recommended. There is no overnight fee charged for staying overnight in the house on workday weekends. On Saturday, a mid-afternoon dinner will be provided. There is also ample time to do birding. Sedge Wrens and Short-eared Owls are usually seen. Waterproof knee high boots are recommended for walking on the marsh trails. For further information, contact your chapter sanctuary representative or the state sanctuary chairman, Dotty Mumford, at 410-849-8336.

Saturday, October 28

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Waggoner's Gap. Joint trip with ANS. For further information and reservations, contact the leader, Kerrie Kirkpatrick at 703-560-4950.

Sunday, October 29

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Sweet Air. Good area within Gunpowder State Park for wintering migrants. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Youth Benefit Elementary School on MD 152, 1/2-mile southeast of Pleasantville Road. Trip leader is Bill Pfingsten, 410-838-5732.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Lower Frederick County. Wintering and resident sparrows and finches. 1/2 day. Meet on shoulder of Lilypons Road at nursery entrance at 7:30 a.m. For further information, contact the leader, Paul Pisano at 703-685-3790.

FIELD TRIP. Talbot. Sunday morning walk led by Les Coble. . Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Higgins & Spencer Furniture Co. on Talbot St. in St. Michaels. For further information, contact Liz Lawlor at 410-745-6390 or Fred Snyder at 410-745-5563.

Friday, November 3

DINNER MEETING. Harford. Program TBA. 6:15 p.m. at Churchville Presbyterian Church, MD 22 & MD 136. For further information, call 410-692-5978.

Saturday, November 4

FIELD TRIP. Carroll. Hawk Watching at Town Hill, MD! Bring a lunch and enjoy the migration of Golden Eagle, Northern Harrier and Goshawks in Allegany County. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Mt. Airy Park & Ride at Rt. 27 and I-70. For details, contact Bob Ringler at 410-549-6031.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. National Wildlife Visitor Center. 3/4-day trip in Laurel led by Jean and Larry Fry (410-452-8539). Begins with birdwalk, and finishes with self-guided tour of the new visitors center. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Park n' Ride at I-95 and MD 152. Bring lunch.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Roosevelt Island. Explore upland forest, marsh and swamp habitats. 1/2 day. Meet at 7:30 a.m. in the parking lot near the bridge. For further information, contact the leader, Bill Young at 703-522-7921.

Sunday, November 5

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Centennial Park Sunday Walk. Co-Sponsored with Howard County Rec and Parks. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the west end lot to walk around the lake. Many different birds - ducks, gulls and woodland species. For further information, contact Bonnie Ott at 410-461-3361.

MOS Calendar (Cont.)

FIELD TRIP. Talbot. Sunday morning walk led by Jan Reese. . Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Higgins & Spencer Furniture Co. on Talbot St. in St. Michaels. For further information, contact Liz Lawlor at 410-745-6390 or Fred Snyder at 410-745-5563.

Tuesday, November 7

MEETING. Baltimore. "Hawks" by Bob Rineer. 7:30 p.m. at Cylburn Mansion.

Wednesday, November 8

MEETING. Carroll. "A Short Course in Identification Leading to a Certificate in Gull-ability" by Jim Stasz. 7:30 p.m. at Carroll Community College. For details, contact Dave Hudgins at 410-374-5764.

Thursday, November 9

MEETING. Talbot. "Protection of Natural Areas in Brazil" by Richard Dolesh. Meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Loyola Federal Bank in Easton.

Saturday, November 11

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Piney Run Park. Walk the hilly trails around the lake edges for waterfowl and winter land birds. Telescopes recommended. Meet 8:00 a.m. at entrance gate. For further information, contact the leader, Burton Alexander, at 410-381-5574.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Waterfowl Tour. Leaders John Wortman, 410-939-3146, and Bill McIntosh will point out the many species of waterfowl that can be found along Harford's shorelines. Meet at the Lapidum boat launch at 7:15 a.m., located in Susquehanna State Park at the south end of Stafford Road at the end of Lapidum Road.

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Piney Run(Carroll county). Meet at the Rt. 108 and Rt. 29 Park & Ride at 7:00 a.m. Wide variety of waterfowl possible. For further information, contact the leader, Burton Alexander, at 410-381-5574.

Sunday, November 12

FIELD TRIP. Carroll. Sparrows at Hashawha! Bill Kulp will lead this walk around Camp Hashawha (moderate terrain). Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Bear Branch Nature Center parking lot off John Owings Road. For more information, contact Bill at 410-775-2264.

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Centennial Park Sunday Walk. Co-Sponsored with Howard County Rec and Parks. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the west end lot to walk around the lake. Many different birds - ducks, gulls and woodland species. For further information, contact Bonnie Ott at 410-461-3361.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Black Hill Regional Park. Waterfowl, field birds, possible Red-headed Woodpeckers. 1/2 day. Meet at the visitor center at 8:00 a.m. Bring scope and snack. For further information, contact the leader, Howard Elitzak at 703-528-3848.

FIELD TRIP. Talbot. Sunday morning walk to Blackwater Refuge led by Levin Willey. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Higgins & Spencer Furniture Co. on Talbot St. in St. Michaels. For further information, contact Liz Lawlor at 410-745-6390 or Fred Snyder at 410-745-5563.

Monday, November 13

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Weekday walk at Wilde Lake. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the boat dock to walk along lake and check woods for waterfowl and possible winter wren. For further information, contact Bonnie Ott at 410-461-3361.

Wednesday, November 15

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Hughes Hollow. Sparrows, early waterfowl, possible raptors. Meet at the parking lot at 8:30 a.m. For further information, contact the leader, Mike Bowen at 301-530-5764.

Thursday, November 16

MEETING. Caroline. Program TBA. Meet at 7:30 p.m. at Choptank Electric Cooperative, Inc. Meeting Room, 24B20, Meeting House Road (Business Rt. 404), Denton, MD.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Blackwater NWR. Geese, swans, eagles, Brown-headed Nuthatches. All day. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the visitor center parking lot. Bring lunch and scope. For further information, contact the leader, Willem Maane at 301-229-1628.

Saturday, November 18

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Blackwater NWR. All-day trip to see ducks, thousands of Canada and Snow Geese, and possible Bald Eagle or Brown-headed Nuthatch. Meet at the refuge Visitors Center. Birding mostly from cars, one short level walk. Telescopes useful. Bring Lunch. Meet 9:30 a.m. at visitor center. For further information, contact the leader, Taylor McLean, at 410-377-7622.

FIELD TRIP. Carroll. Fall Waterfowl at Piney Run Park! Jerry & Laura Tarbell will lead this walk through moderate terrain. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the entrance to Piney Run (Martz Road). For more information, contact Maureen Harvey at 410-795-3117.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Lower Susquehanna River. 3/4-day trip with stops at Conowingo Dam, Holtwood Dam, and Muddy Run. Leaders are Joe Vangrin, 410-838-5264, and June Vaughn. Bring lunch. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Fisherman's Park, at the base of Conowingo Dam.

Sunday, November 19

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Centennial Park Sunday Walk. Co-Sponsored with Howard County Rec and Parks. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the west end lot to walk around the lake. Many different birds - ducks, gulls and woodland species. For further information, contact Bonnie Ott at 410-461-3361.

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Saturday, November 25

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Howard County Waterfowl. Meet at the Centennial Park concession stand at 8:00 a.m. Will carpool to other ponds and lakes to search for ducks, mergansers and grebes. For further information, contact the leader, Jane Farrell, at 410-381-7344.

Sunday, November 26

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Centennial Park Sunday Walk. Co-Sponsored with Howard County Rec and Parks. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the west end lot to walk around the lake. Many different birds - ducks, gulls and woodland species. For further information, contact Bonnie Ott at 410-461-3361.

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Monday, November 27

MEETING. Wicomico. "Birding Costa Rica" by Robert Ringler. Meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Asbury United Methodist Church, Salisbury.

Tuesday, November 28

MEETING. Patuxent. "Birds in South America" by Robert Ringler. Meet 7:45 p.m. at Bio Science Building, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

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